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Vicki Brooker photo

Funeral director Carolyn Sexauer leads six solemn Grade 10 students carrying a flower-decked coffin into Elk Point Health Care Centre near the end of last Tuesday's Prevention of Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) Program, as the remaining students form an honour guard.

Students face hard facts at P.A.R.T.Y

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

From the tragic death of a F. G. Miller High School student last fall has come a legacy: the resolve, on her behalf, to not let it happen again.

"One of the hardest things I ever had to do was to tell 350 kids that their friend, their Students' Union president, had died in a vehicle accident," FGM vice-principal Cheri Lindquist told the Grade 10 students who participated in last week's Prevention of Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) Program at the Elk Point Health Care Centre. "It still affects us."

Lindquist and crash victim Katja Brand "had spent the afternoon together the day before she died. We had gone to the Community Advisory Policing Committee meeting together and she told the CAPC she wanted to be on the committee for the P.A.R.T.Y. Program. That was the last time I saw her."

Touching on a popular clothing logo, Lindquist said, "No Fear" in some ways is a wonderful thing, but you have to take a step back and look at some of your choices. You take more risks now than we did as teenagers. We aren't trying to take away from you, but we are trying to keep you safe. I hope you take the challenge of making good choices."

"Today is all about the right choices," the FGM representative on the P.A.R.T.Y. Program, Germaine Labrie added, "because we don't want to go through that again."

Their words came at the end of an intensely emotional day, as students saw videos and simulations of the aftermath of incidents resulting from risk-taking behaviour, and heard strong messages from professionals who deal with these results on a daily basis.

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Chamber fundraiser huge success

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The final figures are still not in, but last Thursday's Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce dinner, concert and auction at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre has been declared a huge success by chamber president Sandy Smith.

The event was a fundraiser for the Elk Point Visitor Information EcoCentre and will see the project off to a good start.

Tickets sold fast for the evening, with several corporate sponsors pur-

chasing up-front tables at a premium price. Those patrons were invited backstage at the beginning of the evening to meet the stars of the show, CCMA nominee Brett Kissel and CFCW's 'Happy Dan the morning man,' Danny Hooper.

Following an excellent meal, Kissel was the first to take the stage, alternating original songs, such as "Queen on the River" and "Black Eyed Susan" with classic country numbers by George Fox, Buck Owens and John Denver, a Swiss mountain yodeling number and a touch of Creedence

Clearwater Revival.

"Volunteers build community," Thomas Kondla, who did much of the early fact-finding for the EcoCentre, told the audience about the four Ps of volunteering. "They have pride, passion and perseverance for projects like the EcoCentre and the Allied Arts Centre, and the people that stick with them are why we are here today."

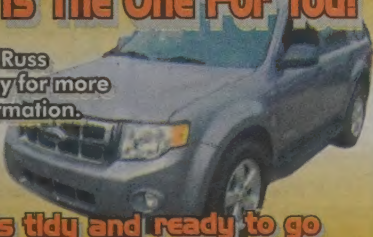
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Brett Kissel (right) called celebrity auctioneer Danny Hooper back on stage to join him in a song.





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Fun, feast and fellowship at chamber's fundraiser

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MLA Ray Danyluk and his wife Lorraine paid a brief backstage visit to entertainers Danny Hooper and Brett Kissel at the start of Thursday's concert and auction.



Brett Kissel made a new fan in Elk Point, when young Odin Smith paid a backstage visit.

Lovely young ladies (left to right) Tina Henderson, Melanie Poulin, Faye Drobot and Sue Campbell were among the welcome party who ushered guests to their seats Thursday evening.



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Pt. of Sec.	Sec.	Twp	Rge	M	Acres	Lot	Block	Plan	C of T
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SW	10	58	7	4	9.92				892090070
NE	9	57	10	4	154.94				942129894
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Lot	Block	Plan	C of T
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Dated at St. Paul, Alberta April 21, 2009.

Sbeila Kitz, County Administrator



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Seniors Drop In Centre
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5:30 p.m. Supper

6:30 p.m. Information Panel
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Reneé Levesque, EPCOR Buying Group
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MEMBERSHIPS MAY BE ACQUIRED AT THE MEETING AT NO CHARGE.

Students face hard facts at P.A.R.T.Y

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The day started off with videos of crashes and the activities leading up to them, with RCMP Cst. Nathan Fehr leading the teens through an analysis of each incident and the contributing factors – speeding, talking on a cell phone, not wearing seat belts, drug and alcohol impairment – that led to injuries and fatalities.

"It's what you guys do with (a situation). If your buddy is drinking, don't get in a vehicle with him. Really be smart out there. These situations devastate a community, a school. It's happened here, and we don't want it to happen again."

The final videos dealt with a drowning involving a personal watercraft at Floatingstone Lake, which Fehr noted, could have been avoided if the riders had worn life jackets and avoided stunting. "You've got to wear the gear."

Regional Traffic Safety Coordinator Barry Sallstrom gave tips on ATV and bike safety, and asked, "How many of you ride ATVs? How many of you have had one on its side?" A large number of hands went up.

"It's all about reality now."

- Firefighter Ken Dion

"Almost all of you have had one on its side. To have one roll on top of you is different. There's going to be consequences."

Sallstrom urged the youths to ride machines that are age-appropriate, to "wear the gear, negotiate the risk and don't ride alone." He noted that riding with another person on the ATV or bike "changes the dynamics" and makes it easier to tip the machine.

"It's not just about you," he continued. "You're not invincible. Yes, it's going to be fun, but know the risk and the consequences. ATV accidents are no accident. They're preventable." Courses in safe operation of ATVs are offered free of charge, and he urged, "take the course."

Trina Napier from Alberta Health Services and Addictions, formerly AADAC, told teens that agency offers counseling on the abuse of alcohol, drugs, gambling and tobacco to both the users and their families.

"Seventy-three per cent of Alberta teens do not use marijuana," she said. "Alcohol is the most common date rape drug. The lack of sleep or anger can also impair your driving."

She listed the symptoms of alcohol overdose. If a friend loses consciousness and cannot be roused, if their breathing is affected and they start to turn blue, cannot stand and have a rapid heartbeat, "get them to the hospital and don't leave them alone," she urged.

The teens, along with Cst. Fehr, all had the opportunity to attempt to walk a yellow line while wearing goggles that mimic the effects of alcohol, and despite coaching from the sidelines, found this task virtually impossible.

The group was divided in two for the rest of the morning. Firefighter Ken Dion led one group outdoors while the other group was taken to the emergency department to discover what happens when a patient is brought in.

Leading the students to a simulated crash scene, Dion emphasized the importance of knowing where you are in order to give directions to emergency dispatchers in case of an emergency. "It takes us six or seven minutes to get to the fire hall, plus whatever time it takes to reach the scene," he noted. "If we can't find it, it takes longer." Fire trucks and ambulances are dispatched out of Strathcona, and dispatchers are not familiar with this area, so clear directions are important.

Elk Point Ambulance was out on an actual call at the time, but Dion made a call to the fire hall and soon sirens could be heard as the fire truck and emergency response unit made their way to the scene.

"When the ambulance is not here – it's a big area, and there's only one – the firefighters have a lot of jobs. We do a primary search of the scene, looking for people on the ground and then in the vehicle."

As the firefighters arrived at the scene, he added, "It's all about reality now."

The firefighters discovered the power source for the Jaws of Life was not working, and immediately switched over to a hand-pumped hydraulic power unit, augmented by hand tools, which Dion said, "get the job done, but it takes more time." He noted that if the ambulance crew were on scene, "we would help to get the person out of the vehicle."

The group watching the vehicle extrication then headed off to the emergency department, while the other group came out to for a demonstration by the firefighters.

The ambulance was back in town after the lunch break and following a session with public health nurse Mona McGinnis, who reminded the teens about sexually transmitted diseases and the consequences of unsafe sex, Wes Wagar led the group out to the emergency entrance and told them the stark facts about backboards, breathing apparatus and body bags, along with some of the situations he has seen at crash sites.

"I've been through all the tests and tubes," he said. After being thrown from the back of a pickup truck that hit a horse, "I spent the first half of Grade 12 in a halo and back brace. Six of us were doing the right thing, and waited for somebody to come and pick us up from a party."

"I was a case study for why you don't ride in the back of a truck. I told my story to the Premier of Alberta." Laws were subsequently put in place making riding in the box of a truck illegal.

The worst part of the whole experience, he said, "Was my parents and twin sister coming to the hospital. Your decisions don't affect just you."

There should have been 36 students in Wagar's grad class, but there were only 34. Two had died in a car accident, and two from drug overdoses.

Funeral director and embalmer Carolyn Sexauer told the teens what happens after the funeral chapel receives a call to say someone has passed away. One student modeled the gown, gloves, mask and safety glasses worn during the embalming process, while Sexauer showed photos of an embalming pump and the fluids used in the process. She explained the processes used to repair cuts and sunken cheeks, and said, "we always make it possible for the family to see their loved one," whether or not the family chooses to have a public viewing. No embalming is required if the deceased is cremated without a public viewing, she noted, handing around two types of urns used to hold cremated ashes.

The students were invited outdoors to see the funeral coach, and six volunteers acted as pallbearers to bring a flower-decked coffin into the room, where Sexauer added a photo of her friend Jason, who had died in a crash when he fell asleep while driving. He was not wearing a seat belt. A memorial power point of the young man showed him enjoying life, his hobby of hunting was reflected in the antlers tucked in the flower arrangement on the coffin, his camou-

flage jacket was hung on one side of a display celebrating his life.

"As time goes on, the memories will be less and less," Sexauer said, "but his family will never forget."



Ambulance attendant Wes Wagar relates the cold, hard facts about the equipment carried in the emergency vehicle, including this breathing tube.

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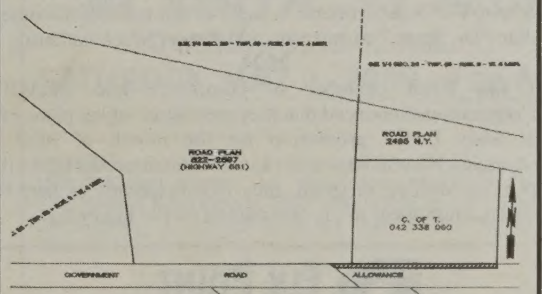
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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of St. Paul No. 19, in the Province of Alberta, proposes to pass Bylaw No. 1529 for the purpose of closing to public travel and creating title to a portion of a public highway in SE 26-55-9-W4 in accordance with Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The following described highway, subject to rights of access granted by other legislation or regulations, is proposed to be closed:

The portion of road identified as Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 092--- located in SE 26-55-9-W4



A Public Hearing will be held in the County of St. Paul Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, where persons claiming to be affected by this change may voice their concerns.

Concerns may also be expressed through written submissions mailed or delivered to the County Office prior to the Public Hearing.

At the Public Hearing, the Chairman shall direct to hear representation first from those property owners who claim to be directly affected by the proposed road closure, followed by any other person who wishes to make representation.

Sheila Kitz, Chief Administrative Officer
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015 - 49 Avenue
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A4

*** NOTICE ***

St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1

Cross-Area Student Transportation Requests 2009-2010 SCHOOL TERM

St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 recognizes its responsibility to provide transportation for students in accordance with the intent of the policies of Alberta Education and in keeping with student needs at the local level.

While the Board accepts parents' rights to choose the school their children shall attend, in a rural setting this right is not automatically extended to include transportation. In order to respect Alberta Education guidelines and maintain an efficient and effective transportation system, the Division must establish transportation areas. Students living within a particular transportation area will be provided with transportation to a school within their specified area.

1. Parents who are planning to register students at a school outside their transportation area may be fully responsible for transportation to that school, but may apply for school bus transportation to their residence where reasonable, or drive their children to an existing pick-up / drop-off point on a route to that school providing room is available on the bus and in the school.

2. Parents and individuals purchasing new property are responsible for contacting the St. Paul Education Regional Division Office to confirm their transportation area.

3. Requests for transportation outside of an individual's transportation area must be received in writing as per the specified form by the Director of Transportation no later than May 15 to be considered for the following school year.

St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1
4901-47 Street, St. Paul, AB., T0A 3A3
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NOTICE

County of St. Paul No. 19

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul has completed its Inter Municipal Development Plan (IDP).

This document outlines policies that apply to lands within the County of St. Paul and will be used as a framework for decision making in each municipality with input and cooperation of the other jurisdiction.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Copies of the Proposed changes are available for pickup at the County Office.

For further information, contact the County Office at 780-645-3301, Ext. 208.

Sheila Kitz, Chief Administrative Officer
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015-49 Avenue, St. Paul, AB., T0A 3A4

EDITORIAL

Volunteer power simply phenomenal

We've always known that Elk Point is a volunteer town. Volunteers have built or renovated numerous facilities, they have raised funds and they have filled gaps left by dwindling funding for staffing, extra amenities and those little details that make life's special moments.

This past week is a prime example. On Monday, number of the volunteers honoured at the Riverland Recreational Trail Society annual meeting are from this end of the trail. On Tuesday, volunteers were key in forming the planning committee for the P.A.R.T.Y. Program aimed at keeping our local teens safe. Later that day, an incredible number of people were honoured at the Heritage Lodge volunteer night celebration. On Wednesday and Thursday, a sizeable crew of volunteers jumped in to help, first with preparations for, and secondly to carry out the details of, the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce's first fundraiser for the EcoCentre, held in a facility that is a community showplace, thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers.

Take it easy and sit back to enjoy Volunteer Week? They wouldn't know how, and thus, we all benefit.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Promotions, peewees, petition

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28 IN...

1984

Town council expressed concern over the chamber of commerce's plans for a tourism brochure containing advertising sold by an out-of-town promoter, with chamber president Carol Metz asking in return, why the town had not produced their own advertising-free brochure if they did not support the chamber's initiative. Elk Point Co-op meat manager Leonard Krankowsky received the first annual progressive meat manager award from Federated Co-ops.

1989

Twenty-five Grade 9 students from Moncton, New Brunswick, learned about Alberta's oil industry during a tour that was part of their exchange visit to this area... Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club brought home nine medals, as well as trophies and scholarships, from a competition in Prince Albert attended by 400 dancers.

1994

Peewee hockey coach Doug Bassett was named the 3M Hockey Coach of the Year at the 1994 Minor Hockey annual meeting... Sixteen raterayers at the town's annual meeting heard that the upgrading of 51, 52, 53 and hopefully 54 Avenues from Highway 41 to 50 St. was in council's plans for the coming summer.

1999

Town council quashed a petition presented by residents protesting a curb and gutter project, because it did not meet the requirements for signatures to be witnessed and dated and because incorrect addresses were used... The town and county FCSS departments brought in a third doctor, comedian "Dr. Spots," to entertain a Volunteer Week gathering.

2004

Elk Point chamber of commerce and REACH Corporation announced that they were working on plans for a 'Shop Local' promotion for the month of June... Canadian Natural Resources Limited announced a 60-well-per-year drilling program, plus recompletions, as part of their commitment to the community and to heavy oil.



GUEST COLUMN

Goose stories

Now that spring is here, we have all watched our geese fly back so we know for sure it is spring. It is like we trust their instinct. For all the scientific questions anyone could ask, here are a few: How do they know to fly south for the winter and then the return back north for spring? What triggers birds to start off on their journey?

Fall migration allows birds to move to a different location so that they will continue to be able to find food. In the spring they return to the places where they will breed and raise their young. It may be the slant of the sun's rays, hormonal changes, the change of the weather or other factors that contribute to the birds' urge to migrate to their other home.

When are the conditions right for migration? The winds must be blowing in the direction that the birds want to go. Birds will usually wait until the most favorable weather conditions then set off on their journey. Ornithologists watch the weather to help predict when large numbers of birds will be passing through their area. A strong wind in the right direction will speed the birds on their way. If there are strong headwinds, the birds' speed will be greatly reduced, therefore it will need more fat reserves to travel the same distance.

How do birds know which way to go? How do they stay on course? Various studies have been conducted that suggest that birds use the sun or stars as guides. Birds may also use the physical characteristics of the land below, following rivers, shorelines, foothills and valleys as guides. There is also the "homing" instinct that has been studied.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

How do they know a storm is coming? Scientists have long noticed that birds feed intensely as air pressure falls. They apparently have an inborn barometer that is extraordinarily sensitive. This is a handy adaptation for all birds, even non-migrants, because storms usually are associated with falling air pressure, and birds have a hard time getting food during a storm. The sooner they can predict a storm before it hits, the more time they have to prepare. The ability to sense air pressure is also handy because birds often migrate along frontal systems, and changing air pressure is one of the first signs that a front is coming. Just as low pressure indicates storms, high pressure systems typically have clear skies. So sensing changes in air pressure enables a bird to anticipate weather changes.

How do birds sense air pressure? Scientists don't know! They do have a couple of guesses. One is that birds may be able to detect it through their inner ear. Humans detect large changes in air pressure in our own inner ears when we make a fast change in altitude; that's when our ears "pop". Another guess is that the birds detect air pressure through the huge air sacs that connect to their lungs and fill much of the space inside their bodies.

When Geese fly, they fly in a "V" formation as they head south or come back north. Scientists have discovered that, as each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it feels the drag and resistance of trying to do it alone and quickly gets into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back into the wing and another goose flies point. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

So yes, it is spring, the geese are back and with their return, we can all ponder on the lessons we can learn from them. Their stories have messages for us.

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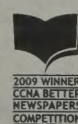


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Ten-year Riverland Recreational Trail Society members were honoured at the organization's 10th AGM

Marianne Price photo

Riverland celebrates 10 years at AGM

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Monday, April 20 was an evening to "remember when..." for the members of Riverland Recreational Trail Society as they looked back on a decade of trail building at their 10th annual meeting, held at St. Paul's new Portage College.

"This anniversary is a milestone," Sheila Thompson told members in her president's report. "We look back at all we have accomplished, and ahead to the future. Our strategic planning session gave us goals for 2009 and beyond."

The group's objectives fall into two categories, operational and maintenance and economic development, Thompson said. She noted that the County of Smoky Lake is installing a water line along the Iron Horse Trail right of way, and will restore the trail surface at the completion of construction. "It's saving them time and money because of this easement."

The Trans Canada Trail has set aside \$15 million for trail development across the

country, she added, "and Alberta TrailNet would like to see some of it used in northeast Alberta."

Thompson said construction will start soon on Elk Point's EcoCentre, marking a "wonderful partnership" between RRTS and the town. "Mail Street will look great with the replica train station at the end, and the best part is that we don't have to do a thing, the town is doing it."

Website development "will take things to the next level," Thompson said, and will include business buy-in, educational and tourism aspects. I think it's all quite doable."

The prototype of the website was displayed on one of a lineup of computers in the college's common area, as were photos of past trail events, while posters of newspaper clippings lined the walls. "There's a lot of history here," said past president and current treasurer Marvin Bjornstad, who emceed the AGM.

Mike Bergeron conducted the election of executive, with Thompson, Bjornstad,

vice chair Maurice Dargis and secretary Marjorie Scott all returned by acclamation.

Ten-year pins were presented to over 50 volunteers who have been part of the society since its formation.

One of the recipients was North East MuniCorr president Robert Bouchard, who praised the 10 years of effort by Riverland volunteers.

"Sometimes there was a bit of hesitancy, and sometimes, goals were difficult to achieve. We've come a long, long way, and there's still a long way to go. The countless hours of volunteer work are the greatest compliment to our communities," Bouchard noted that recruiting volunteers is "the greatest challenge, but without them, this organization could not exist."

MuniCorr has made a commitment to Riverland, Bouchard said. "We have money invested, and we have made the commitment that the interest will go back into the communities to alleviate some of the workload. We're trying to do the best

we can for the well-being of municipalities."

In the beginning, Bouchard said, "ratepayers paid to develop the trail, but things have changed, and the communities have been repaid every cent they put in." In the future, he suggested, "we need to be innovative in the way we move forward, because the challenges are still alive for us."

Bouchard said he had worked with Riverland and the Iron Horse Trail in the town and county's booth at the trade show in Sherwood Park, and "I was absolutely floored by the way people were wanting information about the trail and the area. About 450 guides were given out. What we've accomplished together goes a long, long way, and a lot of people are realizing how great an impact this has on our municipalities."

Bouchard acknowledged all those "who put in a tremendous amount of work. You didn't always sit on the popular bench, and you deserve a tremendous

amount of credit."

Bjornstad reminisced about the political campaign and trail plebiscite, and said it was "one of the things that brought us together. There was a lot of friction."

"I could tell you few stories," Danny Smyl said. "To make this trail work, it's amazing how many people it takes, and it's going to take all of us to keep it going."

"Everybody at our table has been talking about all that's happened," Marjorie Scott added. "Lane (Scott) says it's 20 years since talk about a trail started. I'm happy that so many think so much about the trail that they want to help."

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Riverland marks 10 years at AGM

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"It's wonderful to be part of this," Arthur Fehr, who along with Kirsten Ireland are working on the trail website, said. "The site has over 100 pages and every day there's something new."

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Adele and Ralph Johnson, who started off their half-hour program with Adele's original song, "We've Got It All in Alberta."

ELK POINT MINOR HOCKEY

ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

7:00 pm in the

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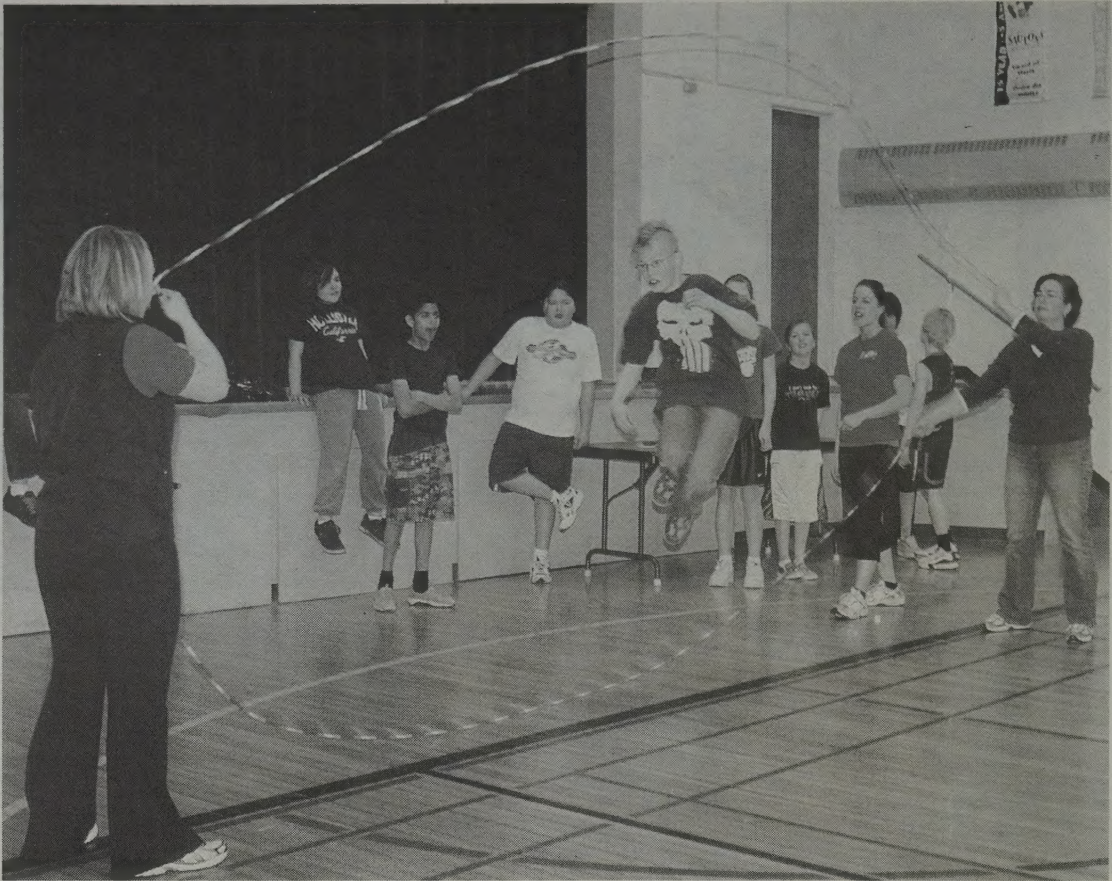
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Cormack Crawford catches some serious air as Alberta Heart and Stroke Association's Nicole Adolph (left) and Elk Point Elementary School teacher Mrs. Richard turn a fast Double Dutch. Adolph and Alberta Heart and Stroke's Stephanie Garris (third from right) were on hand to assist with the school's 25th annual Jump Rope for Heart event last Friday.

Chamber's fundraiser a huge success

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The Elks Hall, the A. G. Ross Arena and the Elk Point and District Lions Club sign are other examples of volunteer power in the community, he noted.

"The Lions are here, helping raise funds by running the

bar, and are giving all the proceeds to the EcoCentre."

Kondla said he was on the original board for the Arts and Leisure Centre, "and to stand on this stage is simply amazing."

He reminded the crowd that April 19 to 25 was National Volunteer Week, and revealed the fourth P of volunteering: "Praise is what volunteers don't get enough of."

"Why would the chamber be so insane as to take on a project the size of the EcoCentre? Because they have those first three Ps," Kondla said.

He gave a brief history of the project, and told the crowd the EcoCentre would be an exterior replica of Elk Point's original train station, which was cut apart and moved out of town decades before the rail line was abandoned. The combined vision of North East MuniCorr and the Riverland Recreational Trail Society has resulted in "one of the longest and best-used trails in Alberta. It's part of the Trans Canada Trail, and is used by people with ATVs, snowmobiles, bikes and wagon trains as well as walkers. The EcoCentre will be the anchor for our staging area."

When the chamber decided they needed a new and larger tourist information centre, "I proposed that we rebuild the train station which was first built in 1927 and decommissioned in 1967," Kondla said. "It will be something to be proud of, and will be centred at the end of Main Street. Its main function is to both provide information and be an attraction, and will include an educational centre and washrooms for the trail."

Kondla said he also proposed that the facility use green power, "And we're going to be a forerunner. Hopefully it will set in motion other green projects in the area, and we look forward to that."

Kondla congratulated the chamber for taking on the project, and the volunteers for the work they are doing, and noted, "This is only one of the projects for Elk Point this year, along with the new fire hall and a large daycare. Somebody said there was a recession, but I don't see it here."

The EcoCentre will be made possible by donations, fundraising and government funding, Kondla said. "We have money from the town, the county and the province, and we're lucky to have one person so supportive of projects in our community. (MLA) Ray (Danyluk) goes above and beyond the call of duty to provide resources and information we need." He added thanks to Lorraine Danyluk.

Celebrity auctioneer Danny Hooper said he was "totally impressed with this new facility," and said he hopes to be invited back, along with his band, to entertain here.

Hooper auctioned 16 donated items ranging from an original watercolour painting to a garden shed, from a ride in a Model T to a week at a mountain resort, bringing in a total of \$11,200 toward the EcoCentre. A long lineup of silent auction items also went home with eager bidders.

The crowd wouldn't let him leave without singing, and Kissel welcomed him back on stage to sing his hit, "John Deere Tractor Keys," before Kissel sang his second set to wind up the evening.

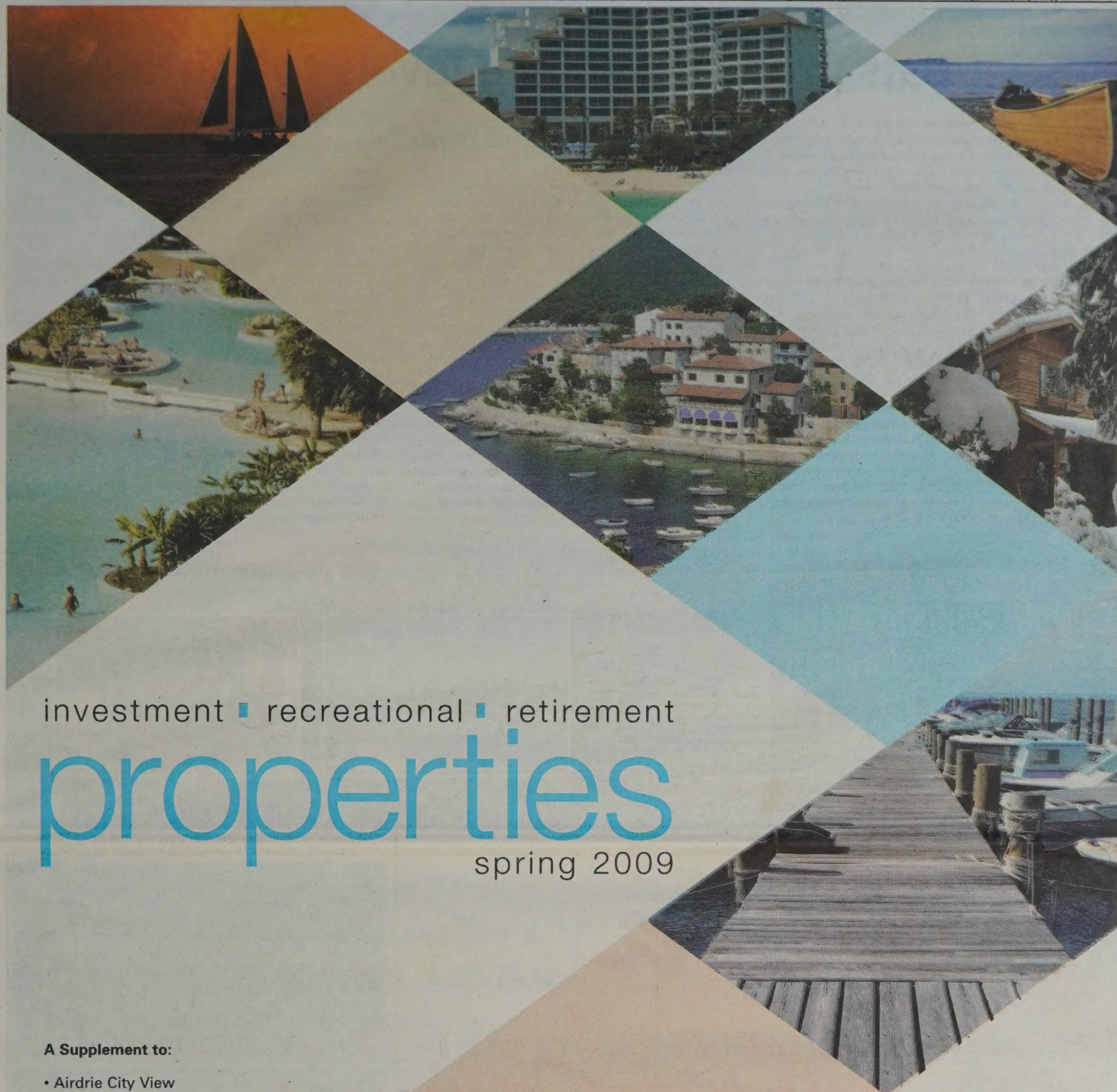
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As part of the Alberta government's comprehensive review and study of the prospect of nuclear power generation in Alberta, the province is committed to consulting with Albertans on this issue.

In 2008, a Nuclear Power Expert Panel was created with a mandate to fully examine all aspects of nuclear power including environmental, health and safety issues, waste management and comparisons with other electricity generation options in Alberta. The Expert Panel has now submitted its findings.

The Alberta government recognizes there are many diverse perspectives and views on nuclear energy and would like to hear from all Albertans via a comprehensive online survey or by paper copy. The survey will remain open until June 1, 2009.

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NEWSPAPERS

Scientists predict low lake levels to continue

While flooded with information, it is easy to be confused with statistics and flashy sales presentations. Think back to why you wanted recreation in the first place ... a sound investment? To relax? Create a legacy of family memories?

In a bountiful, beautiful province like Alberta, many people cannot understand how Alberta has so few clean, pristine lakes. A province blessed with mountains and rivers should have lakes like Ontario and Manitoba! Well a lot of Alberta's water goes to those places and most of it passes right past Alberta lakes altogether. The province is left with landlocked lakes and ponds that grow stagnant, polluted, or overused. Just as water cannot sit in a puddle on your street, a healthy lake must be flushed with fresh water and used sparingly as a resource.

Amongst lakes in Alberta, the most pristine sadly remain the ones untouched by human activity. Lakes within provincial and federal parks will always remain a valuable asset for future generations. Without true limitations on development and activity, many places tend to be spoiled by humans.

Recently our group toured with developers who are creating recreational property on some of what seems to be the last available shoreline on Lesser Slave Lake, 250 kilometres north of the greater

Edmonton area. With a total surface area of over 1,150 sq. kilometres, this lake is the size of an inland sea! We were reminded again and again of how wonderful the central Alberta lakes used to be. Gull, Sylvan, Wabamun and Pigeon lakes combine for only 300 sq. kilometres, but are surrounded by 10 times the activity and users of Lesser Slave Lake. While resisting the label of a summer resort town, there is no mistaking the magnetic draw of a picturesque town on the water. Jossard is one such place filled with quaint homes, friendly people and those escaping the bustle of urban life. Life is slower at the lake.

The project we visited was developed by Red Sky Alberta and consists of a fully serviced recreation neighbourhood, including all the amenities of home. But unlike home, views of clean water and edible fish being caught still abound.

Since there is no building commitment, there has been a broad appeal to those who can never find a campsite and those who are weary of hauling a massive trailer on ever-busy highways. But besides RV users, lots have been sold to people that have set up their property for four-season use, as the area boasts excellent ice fishing, snowmobiling, and hunting opportunities not offered in many other areas in Alberta.

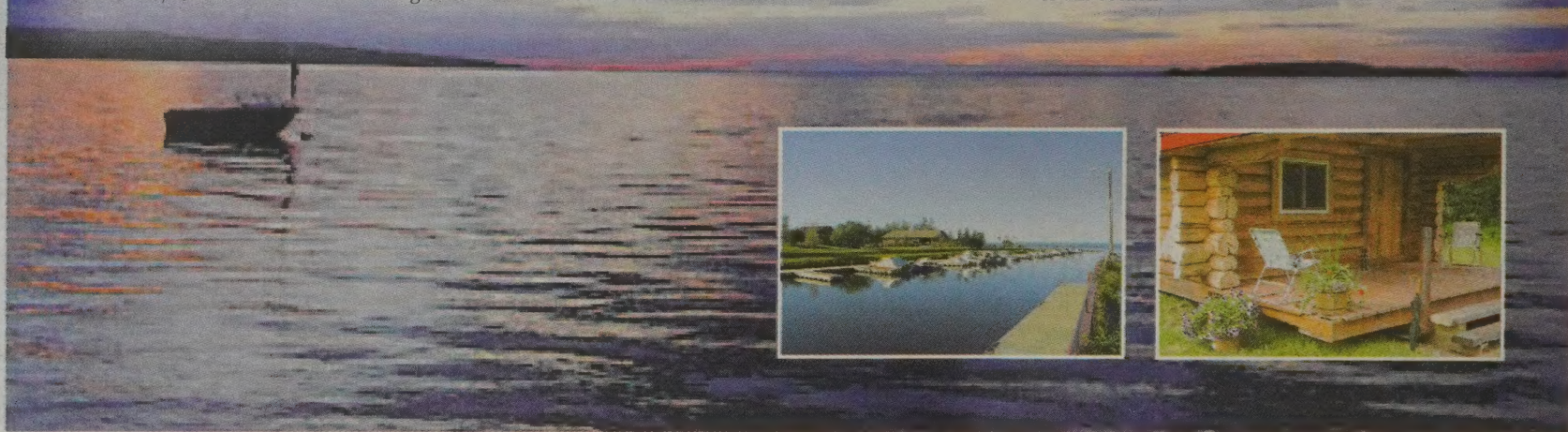
A sound investment? With less than one-sixth of the long shoreline developable, there doesn't remain much for sale around Lesser Slave Lake. With the close proximity of over 1.5 million people, the demand is limitless.

But you wanted to relax? There is an owners' association of neighbours to share stories with and to watch your valuables for you when you're forced to go back to work.

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There has been a strong response to the new phase of lakefront lots released to the public in late March. The developers are working hard doing site visits and the tradeshow circuit while construction is going strong on new phases. With the federal marina right next door, it is hard to get work done at all. With our road trip tour wrapped up, we drove the highway home to our small lakes in southern Alberta, wondering how much longer this beautiful area can be kept a secret.

More information can be found at www.albertasbiggestlake.com and on the back cover of this section.



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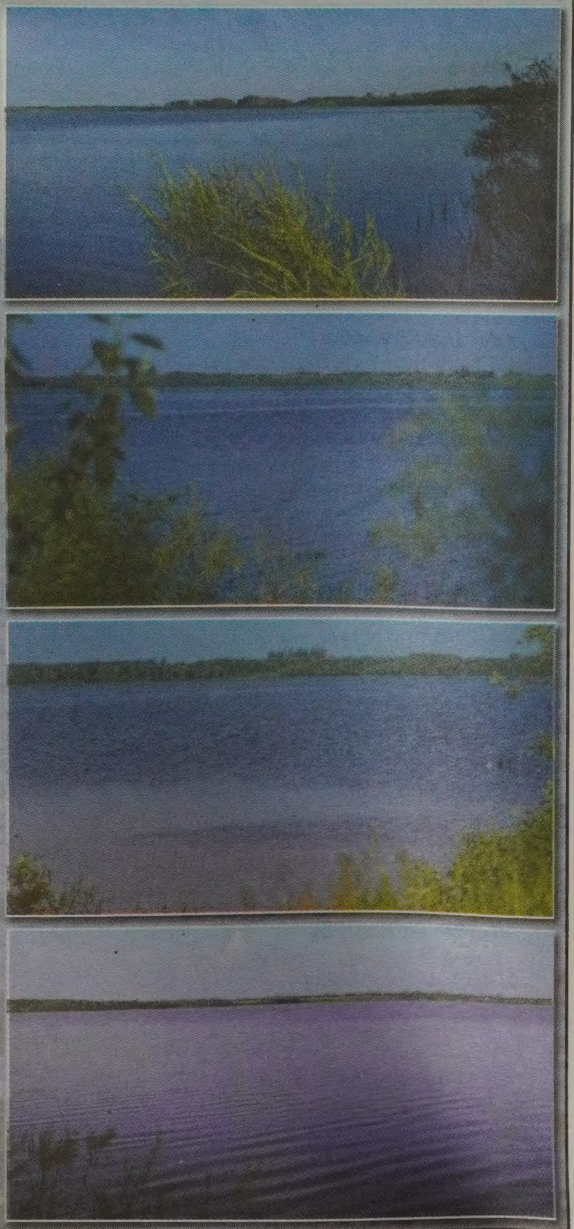
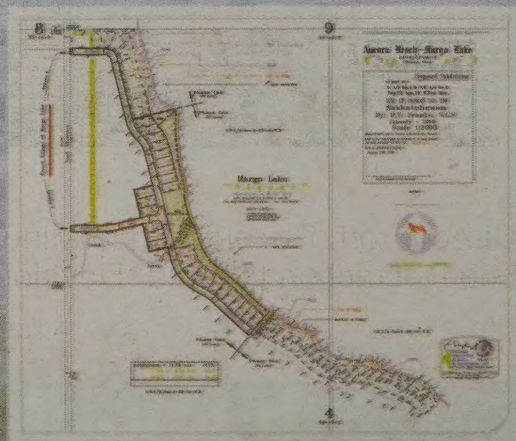
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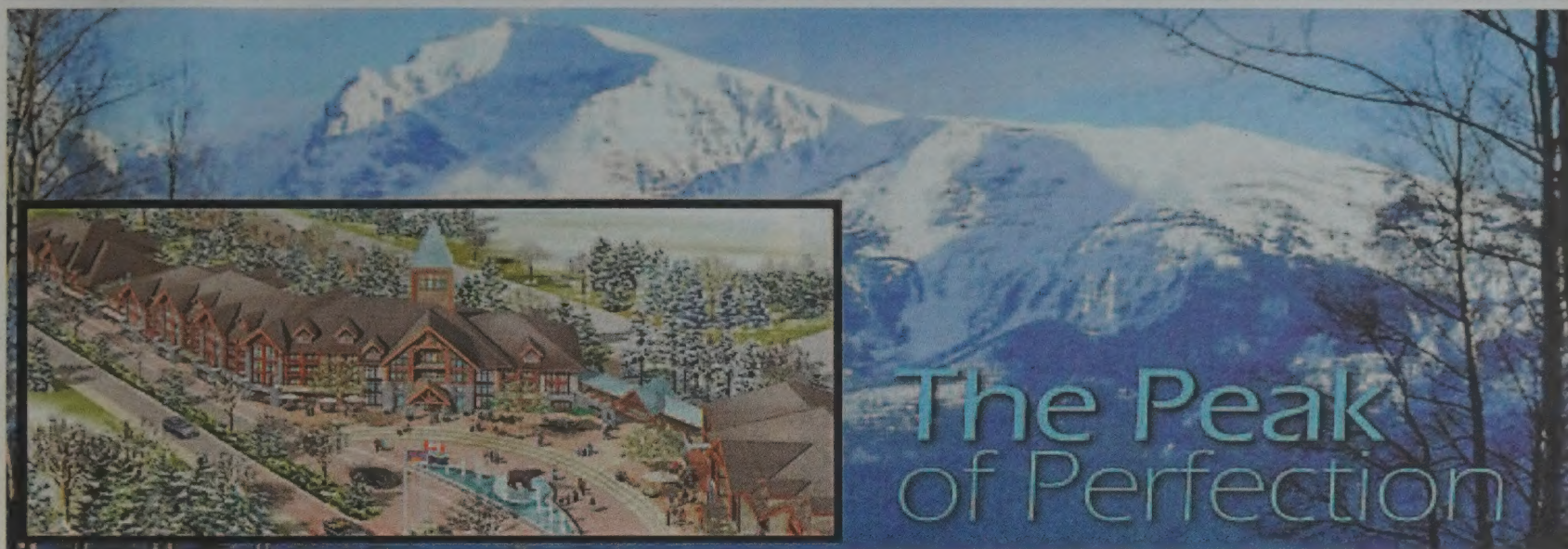
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Saas Fee Valemout Village Resort & Spa is the next up-and-coming four-season mountain resort. While Valemout shares the sports adventure panorama of the most heavily populated or densely developed areas such as Whistler and Kicking Horse, it remains rife with development potential. Now in its early stages, the Saas Fee Valemout Village Resort & Spa offers great opportunities for access and asset appreciation.

The development will bring vacationers and week-

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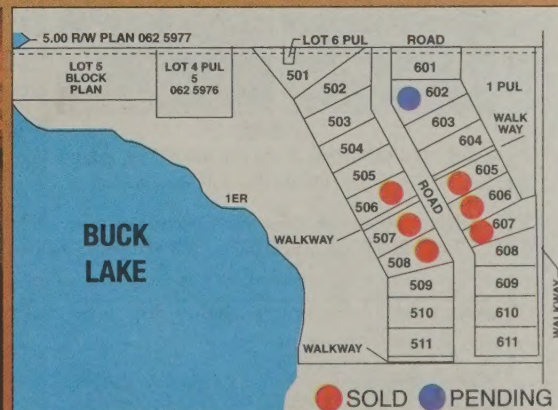
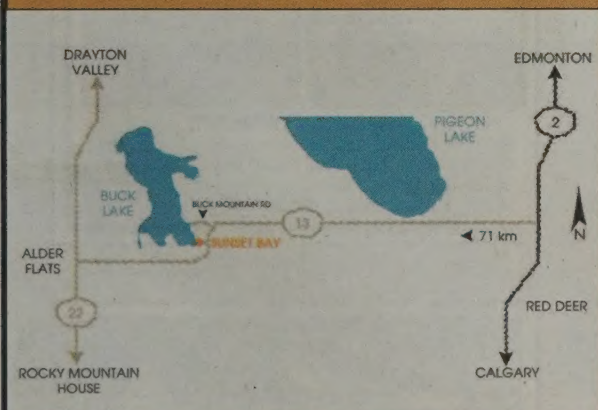


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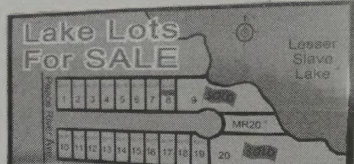
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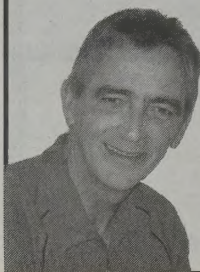
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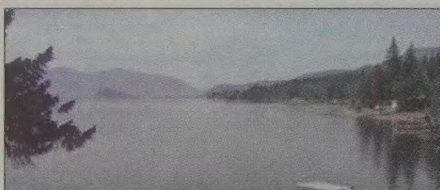
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Aurora Beach

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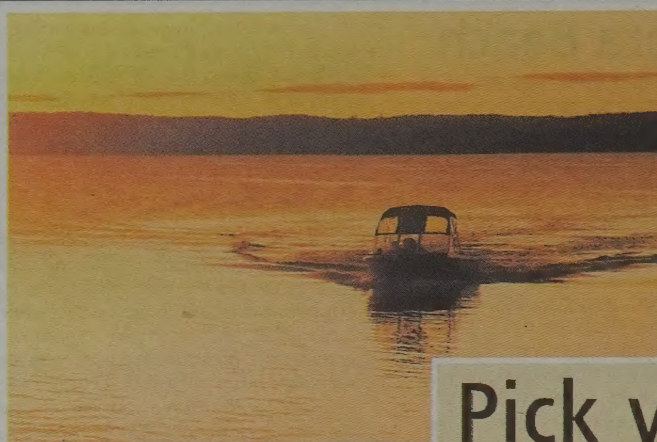
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Eat well, play well

The geese have been back for a month already, I think they're still looking for open water, and I'm still looking for someone to call or email me some sports stories but nothing seems to be happening. So, here I go with another chapter for the book. This one is called "The Good Old Spaghetti Factory."

Back into time machine we go again, back to the 1994 the Pee wee Blades,, the team I was coaching back then, you remember, Shaun Moroziuk, Bradley Pankiw, Johnny Quinney, goalie Ben Poulin and the rest of crew.

These guys could eat you out of house and home, they all loved pizza, and going to Pizza Hut after the games was a ritual, five bucks, five bucks, five bucks then hitting snack bar and the non-stop pop. Talk about getting wired.

During that season we played in the old Highway 28 League and on a good day we could beat any team in the league.

We won against Cold Lake, Grand Center, Bonnyville, St. Paul, Glendon, Mallaig, Saddle Lake, beat them all at least once, finished in the top four, but the only team we couldn't beat was Lac La Biche, and we hated playing them with a passion. Every single time we played, somehow they would get the jump on us, their players would score a goal and

skate right by our bench and taunt our guys just to get their goat. Mine too, in fact, I really wanted to reach out and grab one of them by the neck pull him into the bench and feed him to the boys.



**doug
BASSETT**
Review Sports

Did I say that? Of course you can't do that and this threw us off our game, we all got distracted, forgot about our game plan and it didn't help matters one little bit.

Anyway, the season ended and were playing in the final tournament, we won two games and ended up in the A final against, guess who? We had some time between the games before the final at 6 or 7 p.m. I think, so everyone came over to our house. The boys were downstairs as usual watching Don Cherry Rock-em Sock-em and starting to get hungry.

Donna's not home, and I don't know where she is, no cell phones back then, it's too far to Pizza Hut and even at five bucks I didn't have enough dough to feed the whole team. I didn't want to feed them any junk food before the big game and heard pasta was good for them, so I attempted to make spaghetti, which I

have never made before in my life, or since, for that matter.

Pots are boiling over, other pots are smoking, the troops are getting restless and time is running out.

Thankfully Donna came in the door at the last minute and bailed me out. We fed the boys right full of spaghetti, then quickly headed back to Mallaig for the finals.

The boys were out of the chute and flying, there was no stopping them, pumped. You guessed it, we won the final game against the Lac La Biche, it was the first time all year we beat them, but when it really counted the most. The Elk Point Blades, the 1994 Highway 28 Pee wee League Champions.

Popeye had his spinach and we had our spaghetti ... and Don Cherry tapes, of course. I have been a firm believer ever since, today's moral of the story is, "Eat

well, play well."

Lions Walk For Sight on Saturday

Looking for some exercise? Coming up this weekend, the Elk Point and District Lions annual Journey for Sight this Saturday May 2, starting at 9 a.m. at the Curling Rink. Come on out and support a great cause.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "You yell at them today, they laugh at you, and then you're gone." Last week's answer to: "For fifty minutes that lone tally was guarded as forcefully as the Royal Mint on Sussex Street." - Sportswriter Ed Barker, on a 1-0 lead by Ottawa that held up.

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Participants must be at least 9 years of age. Suggested supervision is one adult for every two children under the age of 14. Participants 14 to 18 years of age require less supervision (five per adult supervisor).

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club will be taking part in the clean-up again this year, and will be collecting the trash that has accumulated along Moosehills Road, between Highway 41 and Secondary Highway 897.

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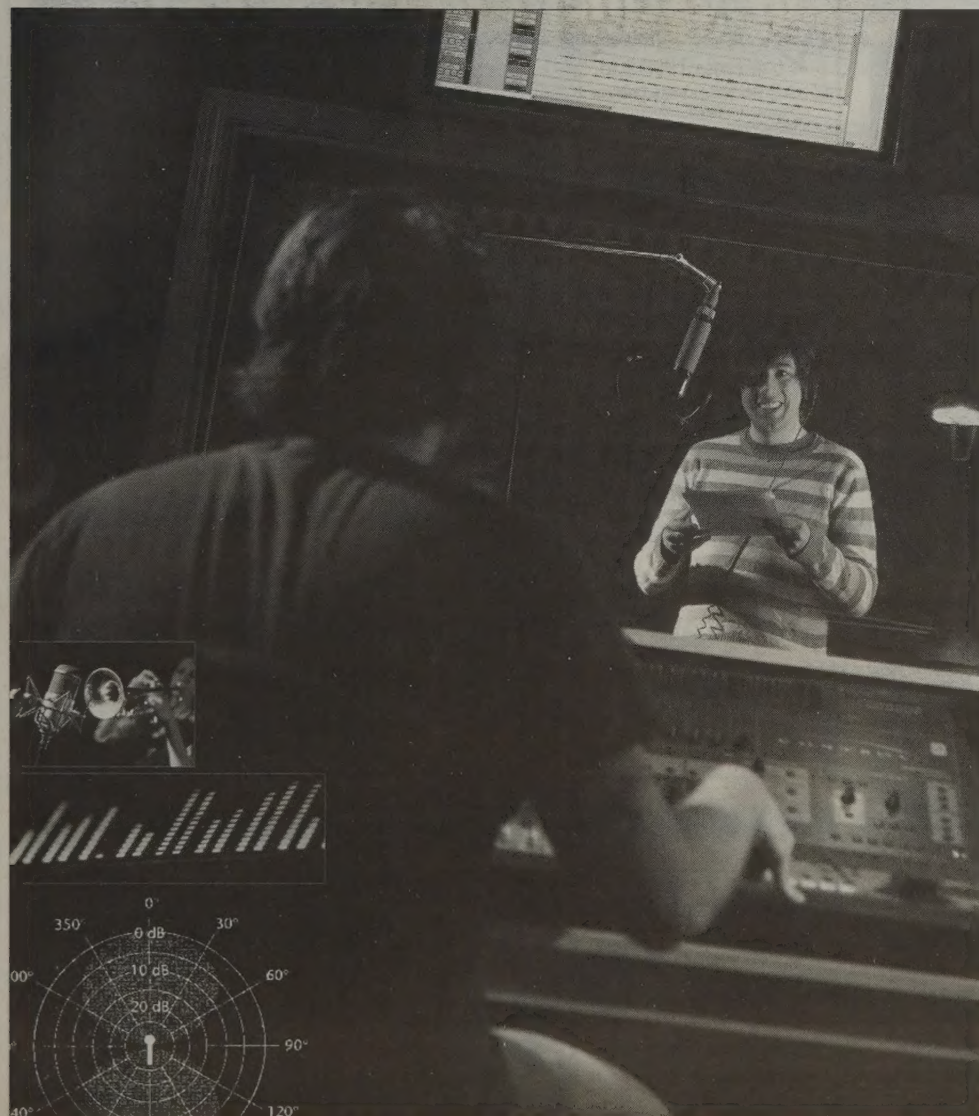
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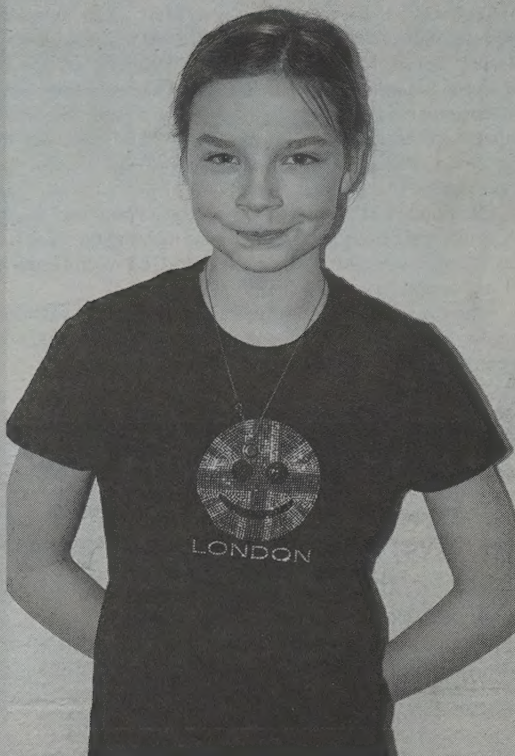
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The winners' circle



Provincial poster winner

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Vicki Brooker photo

The Elk Point Review's Administrative Professionals Week draw winner, Kelly Elliot of Shamrock Valley Enterprises, was pleased and excited to accept her \$100 cheque from Melanie McRae, the Review's office manager, on Administrative Professionals Day, April 22.

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Musical entertainment came from (above, left to right) Arnie Price, Florence Demchuk and Archie Collins, who also played along with Karen Tingey and Homer Poitras (below), as they accompanied young dancers Coral Houle-Dion and Levi Tingey in the Red River Jig and the Broom Dance.



Vicki Brooker photos

Auxiliary plans work bee

By BERNICE CAPJACK
President

The April meeting roll call for the Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary was answered by 10 members. Funds will be donated toward volunteer appreciation at Parkview.

Televisions will be purchased as prices were brought in for discussion. Thank-you notes will be sent. The hair dryer we purchased is already being used.

The next meeting, on May 4, will be a work bee, as rags must be cut and the canteen should be cleaned. Members are to be there at 7 p.m. with a pair of scissors, ready to work.



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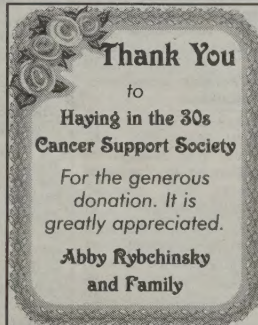
MODIN, Lawrence

On April 20, 2009, Mr. Lawrence Allan Modin of Elk Point passed away at the age of 88 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret of 65 years; 1 son & 2 daughters, Roderick (Cherie) of Innisfail, Valerie (Harvey) Younker of Irma & Beverly (Ivan) Peterson of Elk Point; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Vera Rutnan & Wilma Metrunec, both of Edmonton; sister-in-law, Alice Modin of Edmonton; also numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by 1 son, Allan in 2006; parents, John & Johanna Modin; 1 brother, Harry; also, 2 sisters, Anna & Elsa.

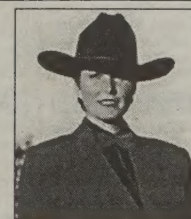
A Funeral Service was held on Friday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elk Point Baptist Church, Elk Point. Pastor Jim MacLellan officiated with interment in the Elk Point East Cemetery, Elk Point. If desired, donations may be made to the Canadian Red Cross or Gideons c/o Box 425 St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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Public Works
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MSI to decrease

Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding for the County of St. Paul will see a \$500,000 decrease. Council will also have to review what that funding can be directed since new criteria has recently been received.

The decrease "affects us no doubt," says Bouchard, adding, it also affected how mill rates were dealt with.

Because of some of the grant money being lost, Bouchard says he is expecting next year could be worse.

Tax increase likely for county residents

BY JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Although the total residential mill rate has been decreased from 8.05 to 6.77, some County of St. Paul residents will still see their taxes increase in 2009.

"Every year you try to hit the happy medium," says Reeve Robert Bouchard when speaking of this year's budget. He adds that while some residential taxes will be increasing, others may actually see a decrease. He explains that a continued increase in assessments along with a "substantial amount of growth" will result in increased income from taxes for the county.

The total budgeted revenue for taxes and tax related revenue in the county's 2009 budget, which was passed earlier this month, is \$17.2 million. In 2008, the total budgeted revenue for taxes and tax related revenue was \$16.4.

The total farmland mill rate has increased slightly from 14.1 to 14.5, along with the non-residential mill rate moving from 20.1 to 20.2 and the machinery and equipment mill rate going up to 16.1 from 15.5 last year. The seniors self contained units mill rate decreased with the residential mill rate from 5.3 to 4.5.

While revenue from taxes may be increasing, the total revenue for 2009 is expected to decrease by almost \$3 million to a total of \$25.2 million. The 2008 budget projected \$28.1 million in revenue. The decrease is mainly due to the completion of the Whitefish Lake project, completed last year, that saw the paving of three miles of road into the community.

With revenue budgeted at \$25.2 million and total expenditures budgeted at \$25.1 million, the county is projecting a surplus of \$72,516.

Transportation spending for 2009 has gone back down by \$2.5 million to \$10.3 million, also a result of the Whitefish Lake project completion.

Fire protection has once again increased "to reflect actual costs for fire protection," explains CAO Sheila Kitz, who started with the county just prior to the budget being passed in

April. Thanks to Alberta Health Services taking over ambulance services, the county is projecting almost a \$200,000 decrease in spending.

One area that will see an increase in spending is administrative with \$2.8 million being spent, up by \$500,000. Employee salary increases of 4.5 per cent and the need to find a new provider for the county's GIS (Geographic Information System), which keeps track of the county's roads, will account for part of that increase. Also, there will be an "increase in grants to organizations due to MSI funding of approximately \$58,000," explains Kitz.

Another area that will see an increase in spending is water, with almost an additional \$100,000 being spent in the area because of a regional water study taking place.

FCSS will continue to receive the same amount of funds it spends. A slight increase in that number is budgeted for 2009 thanks to some grants being carried over, explains Kitz.

Environmental health costs will decrease to under \$1 million with the completion of the transfer stations.

Capital expenditures for 2009 are expected to total \$4.4 million, down from \$5.4 million in 2008. This year's expenditures include a lift station in Mallaig, the Elk Point Fire Hall project, three water trucks for area fire departments, a buggy, winch truck, two rapid response trucks, two new graders, a packer and a number of other equipment purchases.

A major project taking place will be the Krider road project in the south eastern point of the county. The intersection of Krider Road and Hwy 893 will be moved and thus rebuilt.

"It's a safety issue," says Kitz. The project is made possible thanks to a partnership between industry (CNRL), the County of St. Paul, and the province. A Resource Road Grant will be used for part of the project.

About \$1.4 million will be spent on oiling roads and a new buggy being purchased will result in three to four more miles of additional road construction. Staff is expected to be easier to hire this construction season.

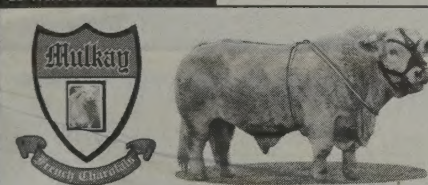
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Crafty 4-Hers create colourful, useful mosaic art



Elk Point 4-H Multi Club craft project members recently created colourful mosaics on step stools and hot dish stands. At right, members glue on tiles or decorative stones. At left, Ashley Bristow works grout carefully in between the stones on her stool. At bottom right, Alexis Bristow smashes tile into smaller pieces.

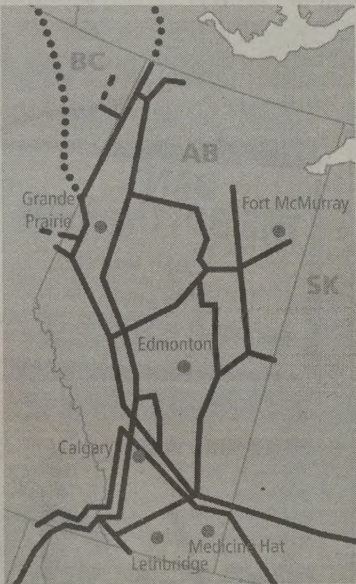


A proud Edna Boorse shows off her finished project. The girls used purchased stools for this project, and scraps of laminate flooring for the base of their hot dish mats.

Mona Bristow photos

Public Notice

On April 15, 2009, the National Energy Board (NEB) issued Certificate GC-113 to TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TransCanada) placing the Alberta System (NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. or NGTL) under the jurisdiction of the NEB. This certificate will come into effect on April 29, 2009, at which time the Alberta System will be formally regulated by the NEB. This concludes a comprehensive regulatory process undertaken by the NEB in respect of TransCanada's application.

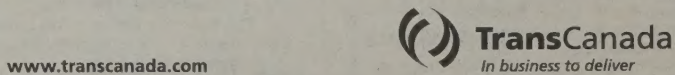


Previously under provincial jurisdiction, NGTL was regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). This regulatory change, which was the subject of NEB public hearings in Calgary in November 2008, recognizes the interprovincial nature of TransCanada's existing pipelines, and allows NGTL to expand its pipeline network outside Alberta, to markets like northeast British Columbia and the Yukon. (Pipelines that carry gas across provincial boundaries must be regulated federally.)

NGTL's operations will remain the same, even though the company is now under a new jurisdiction. A change in jurisdictional oversight to the NEB will not impact existing agreements with landowners. Any annual payments and liability protections included in those agreements will continue under NEB jurisdiction. As well, all easement agreements on the Alberta System state that the landowner

shall have the right to use the pipeline right-of-way for normal farming operations, without having to notify TransCanada. This practice, too, will not change under NEB jurisdiction. For more information on the NEB and the NEB regulatory process please visit the NEB website at www.neb-one.gc.ca.

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